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In re Application of:

SEIJI HASHIMOTO

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The remarks begin at page 5.

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